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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3721

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TGEN NP

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST

REF: STATE 297354

1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONFUSED BY PROCEDURE OUTLINED REFTTEL FOR FORWARDING TO GON ENDORSEMENT OF FORD REQUEST FOR CLIMBING PERMIT. SINCE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH REV. FORD, WE WOULD PREFER THAT DEPARTMENT NOTIFY FORD DIRECTLY THAT LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT HAS BEEN SENT TO GON.

2. WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT FOLLOWING LETTER BE FORWARDED BY EMBASSY TO UNDER SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF MOUNTAINEERING AT MFA IN REPLY TO HIS LETTER OF DECEMBER 8. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PANDE. WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 8. IN WHICH YOU REITERATE HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENT FOR A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONALS CONCERNED, I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ENDORSES REV. FORD'S REQUEST FOR A PERMIT TO CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST. HAVING TAKEN NOTE OF THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE ALASKAN ALPINE CLUB, THE DEPARTMENT ENDORSES THE REQUEST ONLY FOR PURPOSES OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 2 (1) OF THE "RULES GOVERNING MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITIONS" OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS APPROVAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE SPONSORSHIP OR AN ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE EXPEDITION OR THE ACTIONS OF ANY OF ITS MEMBERS, NOR PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF ENDORSEMENT BY THE

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DEPARTMENT OF OTHER QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WHO MAY SEEK

PERMISSION TO CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST. THE EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE AN EXPEDITIOUS REVIEW OF REV. FORD'S APPLICATION.
END TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT WE HAVE DELETED FIRST SENTENCE
OF DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTED TEXT TO FORD, SINCE IN POINT OF
FACT WE HAVE NEVER SEEN HIS APPLICATION, MUCH LESS REVIEWED
IT. IN THE EVENT DEPARTMENT HAS DONE SO, ORIGINAL LANGUAGE
COULD BE RETAINED IN DEPARTMENT'S REPLY TO FORD.

4. ADVISE.
CARGO

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